

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method, comprising:

2 broadcasting meta-data to one or more client systems, the meta-data  
 3 including descriptions of a plurality of data files;  
 4 receiving ratings of each one of the plurality of data files from the one or  
 5 more client systems; and  
 6 broadcasting a portion of the plurality of data files to the one or more  
 7 client systems in response to the ratings received from the one or more client  
 8 systems.

2. The method of claim 1 further comprising selecting the portion of the

2 plurality of data files, which have having higher ratings based on the received  
 3 ratings.

3. The method of claim 1 further comprising combining the ratings

2 received from the client systems, if ratings are received from more than one client  
 3 system, to generate an overall ratings list of the plurality of data files.

4. The method of claim 1 further comprising broadcasting a broadcast

2 schedule of the portion of the plurality of data files prior to broadcasting the  
 3 portion of the plurality of data files.

1           5. The method of claim 1 further comprising broadcasting a broadcast  
2   schedule of the meta-data prior to broadcasting the meta-data to the one or more  
3   client systems.

1           6. The method of claim 1 wherein broadcasting the portion of the plurality  
2   of data files to the one or more client systems comprises broadcasting one of the  
3   plurality of data files having a higher rating prior to broadcasting one of the  
4   plurality of data files having a lower rating.

1           7. An method, comprising:  
2       receiving meta-data broadcast by a server system, the meta-data including  
3   descriptions of a first plurality of data files;  
4       rating in response to a content rating table at least one of the first plurality  
5   of data files described by the meta-data, the content rating table generated  
6   responsive to data files previously accessed;  
7       transmitting the ratings of the at least one of the first plurality of data files  
8   to the server system;  
9       receiving a second plurality of data files broadcast by the server system;  
10   and  
11       storing based on the content rating table a portion of the second plurality  
12   of data files broadcast by the server system.

1 8. The method of claim 7 further comprising receiving a meta-data  
 2 broadcast schedule broadcast by the server system, the client system activated in  
 3 response to the meta-data broadcast schedule.

1 9. The method of claim 7 wherein the first plurality of data files includes  
 2 the second plurality of data files.

1 10. An method, comprising:  
 2 receiving meta-data broadcast by a server system, the meta-data including  
 3 descriptions of a first plurality of data files;  
 4 rating in response to a content rating table at least one of the first plurality  
 5 of data files described by the meta-data, the content rating table generated  
 6 responsive to data files previously accessed;  
 7 transmitting the ratings of the at least one of the first plurality of data files  
 8 to the server system;  
 9 receiving a broadcast schedule of a second plurality of data files broadcast  
 10 by the server system;  
 11 selectively receiving based on the content rating table a portion of the  
 12 second plurality of data files broadcast by the server system; and  
 13 storing the portion of the second plurality of data files broadcast by the  
 14 server system.

1 11. The method of claim 10 further comprising receiving a meta-data  
 2 broadcast schedule broadcast by the server system, a client system activated in  
 3 response to the meta-data broadcast schedule.

1 12. The method of claim 10 further comprising receiving a broadcast  
 2 schedule of the second plurality of data files prior to selectively receiving the  
 3 portion of the second plurality of data files.

1 13. The method of claim 10 wherein the first plurality of data files  
 2 includes the second plurality of data files.

1 14. An apparatus, comprising:  
 2 a processor having circuitry to execute instructions;  
 3 a communications interface coupled to the processor, the communications  
 4 interface coupled broadcast data to one or more client systems, the  
 5 communications interface further coupled to receive data from the one or more  
 6 client systems;  
 7 a storage device coupled to the processor, having sequences of instructions  
 8 stored therein, which when executed by the processor cause the processor to  
 9 broadcast meta-data to the one or more client systems, the meta-data  
 10 including descriptions of a plurality of data files;  
 11 receive ratings of each one of the plurality of data files from the one or  
 12 more client systems; and

13 broadcast a portion of the plurality of data files to the one or more client  
 14 systems in response to the ratings received from the one or more client systems.

15. The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the processor is further caused to  
 16 select the portion of the plurality of data files, which have having higher ratings  
 17 based on the received ratings.

16. The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the processor is further caused to  
 17 broadcast a broadcast schedule of the portion of the plurality of data files prior to  
 18 broadcasting the portion of the plurality of data files.

17. The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the processor is further caused to  
 18 broadcast a broadcast schedule of the meta-data prior to broadcasting the meta-  
 19 data to the one or more client systems.

18. An apparatus, comprising:  
 19 a processor having circuitry to execute instructions;  
 20 a communications interface coupled to the processor, the communications  
 21 interface coupled receive data broadcast from a server system, the  
 22 communications interface further coupled to transmit data to the server system;  
 23 a storage device coupled to the processor, having sequences of instructions  
 24 stored therein, which when executed by the processor cause the processor to

8 receive meta-data broadcast by a server system, the meta-data including  
 9 descriptions of a first plurality of data files;  
 10 rate in response to a content rating table at least one of the first plurality of  
 11 data files described by the meta-data, the content rating table generated responsive  
 12 to data files previously accessed;  
 13 transmit the ratings of the at least one of the first plurality of data files to  
 14 the server system;  
 15 receive a second plurality of data files broadcast by the server system; and  
 16 store based on the content rating table one or more of the second plurality  
 17 of data files broadcast by the server system.

1 19. The apparatus of claim 18 wherein the processor is further caused to  
 2 receive a meta-data broadcast schedule broadcast by the server system, the client  
 3 system activated in response to the meta-data broadcast schedule.

1 20. The apparatus of claim 18 wherein the first plurality of data files  
 2 includes the second plurality of data files.

1 21. An apparatus comprising:  
 2 a processor having circuitry to execute instructions;  
 3 a communications interface coupled to the processor, the communications  
 4 interface coupled receive data broadcast from a server system, the  
 5 communications interface further coupled to transmit data to the server system;

6 a storage device coupled to the processor, having sequences of instructions  
 7 stored therein, which when executed by the processor cause the processor to  
 8 receive meta-data broadcast by a server system, the meta-data including  
 9 descriptions of a first plurality of data files;  
 10 rate in response to a content rating table at least one of the first plurality of  
 11 data files described by the meta-data, the content rating table generated responsive  
 12 to data files previously accessed;  
 13 transmit the ratings of the at least one of the first plurality of data files to  
 14 the server system;  
 15 receive a broadcast schedule of a second plurality of data files broadcast  
 16 by the server system;  
 17 selectively receive based on the content rating table a portion of the second  
 18 plurality of data files broadcast by the server system; and  
 19 store the portion of the second plurality of data files broadcast by the  
 20 server system.

1 22. The apparatus of claim 21 wherein the processor is further caused to  
 2 receive a meta-data broadcast schedule broadcast by the server system, the client  
 3 system activated in response to the meta-data broadcast schedule.

1 23. The apparatus of claim 21 wherein the processor is further caused to  
 2 receive a broadcast schedule of the second plurality of data files prior to  
 3 selectively receiving the portion of the second plurality of data files.

1           24. A machine-readable medium having instructions stored thereon,  
 2    which when executed by a processor cause the processor to  
 3           broadcast meta-data to one or more client systems, the meta-data including  
 4    descriptions of a plurality of data files;  
 5           receive ratings of each one of the plurality of data files from the one or  
 6    more client systems; and  
 7           broadcast a portion of the plurality of data files to the one or more client  
 8    systems in response to the ratings received from the one or more client systems.

2           25. The machine-readable medium of claim 24 wherein the processor is  
 3    further caused to select the portion of the plurality of data files, which have  
 3    having higher ratings based on the received ratings.

1           26. A machine-readable medium having instructions stored thereon,  
 2    which when executed by a processor cause the processor to  
 3           receive meta-data broadcast by a server system, the meta-data including  
 4    descriptions of a first plurality of data files;  
 5           rate in response to a content rating table at least one of the first plurality of  
 6    data files described by the meta-data, the content rating table generated responsive  
 7    to data files previously accessed;  
 8           transmit the ratings of the at least one of the first plurality of data files to  
 9    the server system;



10 receive a second plurality of data files broadcast by the server system; and  
11 store based on the content rating table a portion of the second plurality of  
12 data files broadcast by the server system.

1 27. The machine-readable medium of claim 26 wherein the process is  
2 further caused to receive a meta-data broadcast schedule broadcast by the server  
3 system, a client system activated in response to the meta-data broadcast schedule.

1 28. A system, comprising:  
2 a broadcast server; and  
3 one or more client systems coupled to the broadcast server;  
4 wherein the broadcast server is coupled to broadcast meta-data to the one  
5 or more client systems, the meta-data including descriptions of a plurality of data  
6 files;  
7 wherein the one or more client systems are coupled to rate in response to a  
8 content rating table one or more of the plurality of data files described by the  
9 meta-data, the content rating table generated responsive to data files previously  
10 accessed;  
11 wherein the one or more client systems are coupled to transmit to the  
12 broadcast server the ratings of the plurality of data files;  
13 wherein the broadcast system is coupled to select a portion of the plurality  
14 of the data files in response to the ratings received from the one or more client  
15 systems; and

16 wherein the broadcast system is further coupled to broadcast the selected  
17 portion of the plurality of data files.

1 29. The system of claim 28 wherein each one of the one or more client  
2 systems are coupled to selectively store a portion of the selected portion of the  
3 plurality of data files in response to a content rating table associated with each  
4 respective one of the plurality of client systems.

1 30. The system of claim 28 wherein each one of the one or more client  
2 systems are coupled to selectively receive a portion of the selected portion of the  
3 plurality of data files in response to a content rating table associated with each  
4 respective one of the plurality of client systems.

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